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1. Indonesia

The army's anti-Communist actions are being increasingly emulated by civilian elements, some of whom seem to be moving for the first time to wean themselves from Sukarno and his palace coterie.

The chairman of the Indonesian parliament, for example, has "temporarily expelled" 57 Communist representatives, while the education minister, who long abetted Communist penetration, has ordered all books produced by the Indonesian Communist Party or its affiliates withdrawn from the curriculum.

Sukarno's circle is still working, however. Their target of the moment seems to be to regain influence over the press, which has been predominantly pro-army in recent weeks.

2. South Vietnam

The Viet Cong kept the military pressure on last week. They were out in battalion strength or more on four separate occasions. Casualties were high on both sides.

Recent infiltration of additional North Vietnamese regulars plus other measures to beef up Viet Cong main force units points to a Communist determination to keep the fighting going. There has been a sizable build-up in enemy striking forces in the north central part of the country.

On the political side, Premier Ky will fly to Seoul next week for an official visit. He may stop off in Tokyo for informal talks prior to returning to Saigon.

3. USSR

Soviet missilemen seem to be pushing fairly hard to bring their two newest intercontinental ballistic missile systems to operational readiness.

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4. Burundi

The King decamped to Kenya yesterday with [redacted] a few aides.

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Before he left [redacted] he made cabinet changes which would open the way for a radical anti-Western faction to gain control.

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Our embassy in Nairobi has been instructed to join the Belgians in an effort to persuade the King to return.

5. Israel

In yesterday's elections, Prime Minister Eshkol's two-party alliance beat off ex-Premier Ben Gurion's assault fairly handily. Eshkol may have to make some concessions to left socialists in domestic matters when he comes to form a new coalition government, but Israel's attitudes toward the US and the Arabs will not be affected.

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6. Bolivia

The leaders of the Bolivian junta are floundering about in a political mess that could have serious consequences.

The two co-Presidents, Generals Barrientos and Ovando, disagree over whether they should announce at this time a date for elections. Pressure is on them to make an announcement tomorrow, the anniversary of Bolivia's most recent revolution.

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Last evening Barrientos asked the US Embassy in La Paz to fly him out of the country, in effect leaving Ovando holding the bag. Barrientos evidently hoped he could later play the returning hero.

This morning, however, when the embassy checked to firm up the flight with the junta leaders, it became obvious that all this was news to Ovando, who vetoed the trip. A deflated Barrientos agreed that he would stay in Bolivia.

The net effect of these comic opera maneuvers will be at least to increase the tensions among Bolivia's present leaders, who already have more than their share of troubles with the country's various dissident groups, including the strongly leftist tin miners.

7. Dominican Republic

A "united anti-imperialist front" has called for a two-day general strike in Santo Domingo starting tomorrow. It remains to be seen how "general" this will be. Leftist elements have been talking of such a strike for at least a week.

There has been no further word on Garcia Godoy's negotiations to ease out both rightist and rebel military leaders.

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8. India-Pakistan

Diplomatic efforts to move toward a settlement are still stalled. For three days in a row, the Security Council has canceled its scheduled meetings on the subject because of disagreement over a Soviet proposal to put a three-month time limit on the United Nations observer mission along the cease-fire line.

Firing and patrolling across the lines meanwhile continue, [REDACTED]

U Thant has issued a report expressing concern that military activity of this kind is increasing.

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9. Cyprus

A new round of incidents between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots may have begun.

[REDACTED] late yesterday, [REDACTED] a fire-fight broke out near the town of Famagusta, [REDACTED]

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The trouble seems to stem from an attempt by General Grivas, the Greek Cypriot commander, to push Greek positions forward at various points on the island. United Nations troops there can really exercise only moral suasion.

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10. France

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